

Dear Sir

Northampton 9<sup>th</sup> July 1779

I received the Letter you wrote me  
under the direction of the Honorable Board  
enclosing the appointment of me as Clothier  
for the State in answer to which I must add  
that no person can feel a greater satisfaction  
from serving the public than I fancy I do —  
But as my domestic affairs will not admit  
of my tarrying in the army any longer than  
whilst I am able to get a dismission from  
the Post I hold at present which I shall  
solicit for next session I am under the  
necessity of absolutely declining to accept of the  
commission which I beg you communicate  
to the Honorable Board — I am with

all possible respects your  
Obedt Hum Serv

William Lyman

John Avery Esq

In Council Sept 8 1779

Read & sent down Sam Adams Secy



Letter from Dr  
William Symmes  
relating to a project  
of a department of  
State Affairs  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov

to be laid before the Court  
Assembly at their next  
Sessions July 1779

John Symmes Esq

One Justice of Peace

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